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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: R.K. Bakshi, et al.
Serial No.: 09/990,499 (Case No. 20385YDA)

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For: SUBSTITUTED PIPERIDINES AS
MELANOCORTIN-4 RECEPTOR
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 26, 2003, for which a response is due by November 26, 2003, please consider the following arguments and remarks. Claims 39-75 are pending in the application. They are drawn to methods of treating male erectile dysfunction (MED) with a selective agonist of the melanocortin-4 receptor (MC-4R).

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By Denise K. Brown 9-25-2003